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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office action of October 20, 2003, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 18, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shen (U.S. Patent No. 5,750,473). Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shen in view of Konishi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,963,844). Claims 5-17, 19, 22-27 and 30-32 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 6-13, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28 and 31-34 have been amended. Claims 5, 19, 20, 29 and 30 have been deleted. New claims 35-41 have been added. As a result of the amendments, all of the claims are now directed towards subject matter that previously has been identified by the Examiner as allowable. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.

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